(d) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA) : (a) to (d) Studies have shown that Norplant is a safe and effective contraceptive. Menstrual irregularities are commonly reported side effects. The question of stopping use of Norplant does not arise, IIIrd phase clinical trials of Norplant-I are still ongoing.

Production of Rhone-Poulence India Limited, Bombay

5673. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether some products of Rhone-Poulence India Limited, Bombay have been creating health hazards;

(b) whether Government have received adverse reports about Phensedyl tonic which is produced and marketed by this company;

(c) whether Government have not yet taken any effective steps; and

(d) if so, the facts and reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) and (b) Government has received reports that Phensedyl Cough Linctus (not a tonic) marketed by M/s. Rhone-Poulence India, Bombay was misused as an addictive.

(c) and (d) To curb its misuse the concerned State Governments have issued orders permitting only limited quantities to be kept by the stockists and retailers at a time, The formulation available in the Pharmacies are to be sold only against the prescription of a registered medical practitioner. The inspectorate staff of the Drugs Control Administration in these States have been instructed to keep a strict watch on the movement, sale and use of the formulations.

At the instance of Government, the firm has also revised the composition of the formulation of Phensedyl Cough Linctus which conforms to similar formulations marketed in the country.

Charitable Hospitals in Delhi and Uttar Pradesh

5674. SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some charitable hospitals are functioning in Delhi and U.P.;

(b) if so, give their locations separately for Delhi and U.P., with details of services being provided by these institutions;

(c) whether some charitable pathological and bio-chemistry laboratories are also functioning in Delhi and U.P.;

(d) if so, what are their locations in Delhi and U.P. with details of tests being undertaken by them;

(e) whether Government have fixed some amount of money to be charged by these hospitals and laboratories from patients while providing services;

(f) if so, details thereof and if not, reasons for granting them charitable character enjoying exemption from different Government duties and taxes without any benefit to beneficiaries;